

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace paragraph [0077] with the following amended paragraph:

[0077] The locking mechanism 21 further includes a manual operation means 37 for manual operation of the sleeve 24. The manual operation means includes an operation tube 38 which is securely attached to the sleeve 24 at its forward end. Specifically, the operation tube 38 has a flange portion 39 at its forward end which is securely held between the stop ring 41 and a stepped portion 40 formed on the outer surface of the sleeve 24. As shown in Fig. 2, the operation tube 38 has a large diameter portion at the rear end thereof, and is provided with handle support members 42 connected to the large diameter portion and extending rewards therefrom. The handle support members 42 are provided at the rear ends thereof with handles 43. The handles 43 can have a “C”-shaped configuration, as shown in Figs. 1 and [[51]] 5 and also have a “reverse-L”-shaped configurations as shown in Fig. 2.